

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

November 8, 1951

TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:

Upon the ratification and coming into force of the Treaty of Peace with Japan, the state of war which has existed since December 8, 1941 will come to an end. In order that necessary powers which the Federal Government must continue to exercise be preserved, it is essential that draft legislation continuing many of these statutory authorities be ready for presentation to the Congress upon its return in January.

The Bureau of the Budget, in cooperation with the various departments and agencies, has been conducting a review of all statutes which would be affected by the termination of the state of war.

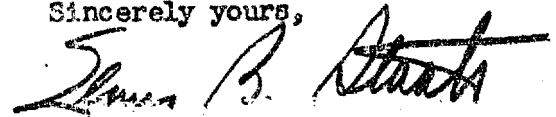
This review is now completed and there is enclosed a mimeographed "List of Statutes", setting forth provisions which would be affected by the termination of the state of war. This list incorporates the original recommendations received from the departments and agencies in response to our request of October 4, 1950. It also includes additional legislative items not previously covered.

It is requested that the views of your agency as to which items of legislation conferring present powers should be continued, together with related comments, be received by the Bureau of the Budget not later than the close of business Monday, November 26. In order to make the work of your staff easier in preparing and presenting views and to assist the Bureau in collating replies, there is also enclosed a detailed memorandum containing instructions as well as copies of two forms designed to prevent unnecessary work and duplication.

The information desired goes in several particulars beyond that which you may have given this office in response to its inquiry of October 4, 1950. Among other things, account is now to be taken of later legislation and some legislation not covered in the previous inquiry, and proposals are desired as to the exact language to be used in the new legislation.

Your attention is called to the request that this Bureau be notified by telephone in advance of a written reply with respect to certain items in the "List of Statutes". The reason for this requested action is set forth in paragraph 8B of the enclosed memorandum.

Sincerely yours,



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Assistant Director

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